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Box No. I TITLE OF INVENTION

METHOD FOR MANAGING COMPUTER HARDWARE CONFIGURATION INFORMATION

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- (iii) *if, in Box No. II or in any of the sub-boxes of Box No. III, the inventor or the inventor/applicant is not inventor for the purposes of all designated States or for the purposes of the United States of America: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. II" or "Continuation of Box No. III" or "Continuation of Boxes No. II and No. III" (as the case may be), indicate the name of the inventor(s) and, next to (each) such name, the State(s) (and/or, where applicable, ARIPO, Eurasian, European or OAPI patent) for the purposes of which the named person is inventor;*
- (iv) *if, in addition to the agent(s) indicated in Box No. II, there are further agents: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. II" and indicate for each further agent the same type of information as required in Box No. II;*
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- (vi) *if, in Box No. I, there are more than three earlier applications whose priority is claimed: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. I" and indicate for each additional earlier application the same type of information as required in Box No. I;*
- (vii) *if, in Box No. I, the earlier application is an ARIPO application: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. I", specify the number of the item corresponding to that earlier application and indicate at least one country party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property for which that earlier application was filed.*

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Box No. VI PRIORITY CLAIM Further priority claims are indicated in the Supplemental Box.

Filing date of earlier application (day/month/year)	Number of earlier application	Where earlier application is:		
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ISA / JP

Request to use results of earlier search; reference to that search (if an earlier search has been carried out by or requested from the International Searching Authority):

Date (day/month/year) Number Country (or regional Office)

Box No. VIII CHECK LIST; LANGUAGE OF FILING

This international application contains the following number of sheets:

request : 3

description (excluding sequence listing part) : 11

claims : 4

abstract : 1

drawings : 11

sequence listing part of description :

Total number of sheets : 30

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1. fee calculation sheet
2. separate signed power of attorney
3. copy of general power of attorney; reference number, if any:
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5. priority document(s) identified in Box No. VI as item(s):
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Box No. IX SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT OR AGENT

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4. Date of timely receipt of the required corrections under PCT Article 11(2):

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